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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joseph B. McGuan, who passed away in April of 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph B. McGuan was born October 19, 1944 in Morris, Illinois; his parents were Bernard E. and Elzena Fordyce McGuan; he attended St. Bede Academy in Peru, Illinois, as a boarding student until his graduation in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, After graduation, he returned to Morris to work on the family farm and was also employed at the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Joliet; and

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WHEREAS, In June of 1963, Joseph McGuan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps under the delayed entry program; he reported to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California in October of 1963; he graduated boot camp on January 8, 1964 with Second Battalion, Platoon 281; he went on to proudly serve his country in the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, After returning to the United States, Joseph McGuan attended Drill Instructors School at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina; he worked as a drill instructor at Parris Island until his release from active duty in 1967; on June 26, 1969, he received his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph McGuan returned to work on the family farm, and completed his apprenticeship with the International Union of Operating Engineers; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph McGuan was a lifetime member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Morris, and he worked as a volunteer coach for the Catholic Youth Football team of

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1 Immaculate Conception School from 1977 to 1983; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1992, while working at the Chrysler Plant in  
3 Belvidere, he met a Marine who introduced him to the Marine  
4 Corps League; he decided to see if there was enough interest in  
5 forming a detachment of the Marine Corps League in DeKalb  
6 County; and

7 WHEREAS, He contacted Marines throughout the county and  
8 held several meetings before the DeKalb County Marines  
9 Detachment #847-Marine Corps League received their charter in  
10 April of 1993; he was a life member of the Marine Corps League  
11 and the DeKalb County Chapter of VietNow; he was a member of  
12 the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the Catholic War Veterans,  
13 the Third Marine Division Association, the Northern Illinois  
14 Veterans Activities Committee, the Veterans of Foreign Wars  
15 Post #8387, and the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vigil  
16 Committee (Springfield); he had served as the Chairman of the  
17 Department of Illinois POW/MIA Committee and the Chairman of  
18 the National POW/MIA Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Joseph McGuan was the loving husband of Renee and  
20 the loving father of Jeff and Shawn; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
23 his family, friends, and fellow Marines, the passing of Joseph  
24 B. McGuan; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to the family of Joseph McGuan.